

## BC NATURE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) 2026

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**In person participation: Thompson Rivers University – Room S203 - Ken Lepin (Science) Building**

**Time: May 23, 2026 01:15pm PDT**

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**DRAFT AGENDA – Annual General Meeting - Saturday May 23<sup>rd</sup> 2025 at 1:30 PM PDT**

Chair: President Nancy Flood; Minutes: Secretary Susan Thorne

1. Welcome
2. *We gratefully acknowledge that in-person attendees are meeting on the unceded land of Tkemlúps te Secwépemc, within Secwepemcúl'ecw, the traditional territory of the Secwépemc. BC Nature's offices are in North Vancouver, on the unceded territories of the Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), Tseil-Waututh, Só'lh Téméxw (Stó:lō), and xwməθkwəy̓ə m (Musqueam) Nations. And of course, people are joining in via Zoom from all over the province—from the territories of many First Nations. We are grateful for the chance to enjoy, learn about, and join with them to protect, these lands.*
3. Approval of minutes from the Annual General Meeting held in Merritt, BC on May 24, 2025 at 1:30 pm. (Attached)
4. President's Report – Nancy Flood (Page 2 in Annual Report)
5. Treasurer's Report – Natasha Chand (Page 10 in Annual Report), Review engagement (Page 76 in Annual Report)  
**Motion:** Approve the unaudited Dec 31, 2025 review engagement financial statements.  
**Motion:** Appoint the chartered professional accounting firm of Reid Hurst Nagy Inc. to conduct the review engagement for the 2026 fiscal year end.

### **Reports from committees:**

6. Awards Committee – Marg Cuthbert (Page 5 in the Annual Report)
7. Camps Committee – 2025 BC Nature Camp: *Wells Gray: Land of Fire and Ice* hosted by KNC
  - a) New Camps Chair needed and clubs to consider hosting camps again. (Verbal)
8. Conservation Committee – Chair: Jennifer Dowd (Page 5 in the Annual Report)
9. Education Committee – Chair: Dave Leman (Page 7 in the Annual Report)
10. Governance Committee – Alan Burger (Page 10 in the Annual Report)
11. Nominations Committee – Alan Burger (Verbal)

- a) Results of Election of Directors
- b) New chair needed for Camps committees

- 12. Governance Committee – Alan Burger (Page 10 in the Annual Report)
- 13. Human Resources Committee – Harold Sellers (Page 10 in the Annual Report)

**Staff and contractor reports:**

- 14. Conservation Project M.P.A.P – Andrew Banks (Page 12 in Annual Report)
- 15. Key Biodiversity Areas (KBA) Updates – Liam Ragan (Page 13 in Annual Report)
- 16. Office Manager – Mish Stone (Page 14 in the Annual Report)
- 17. Financial Administrator – Mary Shannon (Page 14 in the Annual Report)
- 18. Communications Coordinator – Betty Davison (Page 15 in Annual Report)
- 19. Fundraising Activities 2025-2026 – Betty Davison (Page 15 in Annual Report)

**Reports from affiliates**

- 20. BC Naturalists' Foundation – Michele Parry (Page 17 in the Annual Report)
- 21. NatureKids BC – Rebecca Clapperton Law (Page 20 in the Annual Report)

**Club Reports**

- 22. Annual Reports from Clubs (Reports in the Annual Report)

**Motion:** To approve all reports as submitted in the Annual Report

- 23. Future General Meetings: AGM for 2027 will be hosted by Rocky Point Bird Observatory in Victoria, BC. Any takers for 2028?

- 24. General review: At this time, members to raise issues and items for discussion and action.

- 25. **Adjournment**

## Draft Minutes BC NATURE AGM 2025 held at Merritt Civic Centre Saturday, May 24 at 1:30pm

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**Present** - see list of attendees

**Chair** – President, Nancy Flood      **Minutes** – Mish Stone

1. **Welcome**

*We gratefully acknowledge that we are meeting on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territories of the Nlaka'pamux and Syilx people* Adoption of Agenda

**Motion** – Bev Ramy/Nigel Peck – to approve the agenda **Carried**

2. Approval of minutes from the Annual General Meeting on May 11, 2024, in Qualicum Beach

**Motion** – Marg Cuthbert/Ken Walker – to approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting on May 11, 2024 in Qualicum. **Carried**

3. President's Report – Nancy Flood (Report in the Annual Report booklet) – *Nancy spoke highlighted the increase in new clubs and encouraged members to support the BC Naturalists` Foundation.*

4. Treasurer's Report – Natasha Chand (see Report in Annual Report Booklet)

**Motion:** Stephen Partington/Cynthia Crampton – to approve the unaudited Dec 31, 2024 review engagement financial statements. **Carried**

**Motion:** Gail Kenner/Harold Sellers – to appoint the chartered professional accounting firm of Reid Hurst Nagy Inc. to conduct the review engagement for the 2025 fiscal year end. **Carried**

5. Bylaw and Constitution changes

**Special Resolution Motion:** Shelia Puls/Sharon Jones - to approve the changes to the BC Nature bylaws and Constitution (as in the Annual Report Booklet). **Carried**

6. **Resolutions** –

**Special Resolution Motion:** Liz Thorpe/Dianne Whittner - To approve 2025-01: Enforcement of Provincial Regulations in the Parksville-Qualicum Beach Wildlife Management Area (PQBWMA).

(In Annual Report Booklet) **Carried**

**Special Resolution Motion:** Genevieve Singleton/Ashley Pashyn - To approve 2025-02 BC Government Review of the Privately Managed Forest Lands Act (PMFLA)

(In Annual Report Booklet) with the removal of the last line on resolution “And be it further resolved that the BC government execute the recommendations therein.” **Carried**

**Staff and contractor reports:**

7. BC Nature Executive Director – Stewart Guy (Report in the Annual Report booklet) – Stewart spoke highlighting key programs and initiatives. Discussed IBA program, fields trips and partnerships with various organizations.
8. Office Manager – Mish Stone (Report in the Annual Report) – Did not speak
9. Office Administrator– Mary Shannon (Report in the Annual Report) – Did not speak
10. Communications Report—Betty Davison (Report in Annual Report) – Did not speak
11. IBA/KBA Coordinator – Liam Ragan (Report in the Annual Report) – Liam spoke highlighting that BC leads the country in biodiversity and KBA designations. Plans on recruiting new caretakers and collaborating with BC Parks.
12. MPAP Manager – Andrew Banks (Report in the Annual Report) – Julia Carr spoke on Municipal Protected Areas program, which aims to advance the commitment to protect 30% of lands and waters by 2030. She provided an update on the progress made in 2024 including the submission of protected land data for various municipalities and regional districts.

**Reports from committees:**

13. Nominations Committee – Alan Burger
  - a) Results of Election of Directors – Jennifer Dowd appointed as Director at Large and Dave Leman as Intern Chair for the Education Committee – see Club rep meeting minutes
  - b) New chair needed for Camps committees
14. Education Committee – Chair: Margaret Cuthbert (Report in the Annual Report)
  - c) Presentation of certificates to Naturalist Mentors to those mentors present, including Jesse Ritcey
15. Conservation Committee – Chair: Peter Ballin (Report in the Annual Report) – Peter spoke about clubs sharing projects they are working on with BC Nature and affiliated clubs
16. Camps Committee – Wells Gray: Land of Fire and Ice, hosted by Kamloops Naturalist Club Held in July 2024 (see report in Winter 2024 BC Nature Magazine)
  - d) New Camps Chair needed and clubs to consider hosting camps again.
17. Awards Committee – Marg Cuthbert (Report in the Annual Report) – Marg Cuthbert mentioned that awards will be given out during banquet
18. Governance Committee – Alan Burger (Report in the Annual Report) – Did not speak

## Reports from affiliates

19. BC Naturalists' Foundation –Stephen Partington (Report in the Annual Report) – Stephen spoke about Michelle Parry is now President of BC Nature Foundation and Stephen is still on the board
20. NatureKids BC – Rebecca Clapperton Law (Report in the Annual Report) – Rebecca spoke introducing herself and shared her background. Highlighted the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the organization, emphasizing its growth to 1,500 families. Introduced staff members present: Katelyn Bissat and Michelle Parry
21. Outdoor Recreation Council - Louise Pedersen (Report in Annual Report) – Did not speak
22. Annual Reports from Clubs (Reports in the Annual Report)  
**Motion:** Gary Hunt/Gail Kenner - To approve all reports as submitted in the Annual Report. **Carried**
23. Future General Meetings: AGM for 2026 is TBA
24. General review: At this time, members to raise issues and items for discussion and action. – A few people spoke remembering John Neville.
25. Adjournment – **Motion:** Michelle Parry – to adjourn at 3:23pm.

AGM Attendance – May 24, 2025, Merritt Civic Centre – 1:30pm

Gary Hunt – Kamloops Naturalists  
Nicki Brockamp – Delta Naturalists  
Bruce Taylor – Delta Naturalists  
Vivian Birch-Jones – Lillooet Naturalists  
Dave Leman – Prince George Naturalists  
Bill Ramey – Nature Vancouver  
Barbara Zimonick – Kamloops Naturalists  
Bev Ramey – Nature Vancouver  
Syd Barbor – Delta Naturalists  
Viviane Barbor – Delta Naturalists  
Carol Monaghan – White Rock & Surrey Naturalists  
Shirley Dow – White Rock & Surrey Naturalists  
Sharon Jones – White Rock & Surrey Naturalists  
Kathleen Maser – Nature Salt Spring  
Ken Walker – Nature Victoria  
David Hopaluk – Nature Nanaimo  
Deborah Irwin – Nature Nanaimo  
Vinci Au – WildResearch  
Alexandra Welch – WildResearch  
Linda Cole – Nature Nanaimo  
Tom Dickinson – Kamloops Naturalists  
Vicki Metcalfe – Nature Victoria  
Genevieve Singleton – Nature Cowichan  
Shirley Ballin – Nature Vancouver & Kamloops Naturalists  
Linda Guy – Nature Victoria  
Peter Ballin – Nature Vancouver & Kamloops Naturalists  
Rudy Bot – Abbotsford Mission  
Rita Bot – Abbotsford Mission  
Nanny Mulder Ten Kate – Abbotsford Mission  
Quirien Mulder Ten Kate – Abbotsford Mission  
Alice Roos – Abbotsford Mission  
Hank Roos – Abbotsford Mission  
Wendy Dadalt – Abbotsford Mission  
Paul Dadalt – Abbotsford Mission  
Nikki Toxopeus – Friends of Holland Creek  
Jennifer Newton – Nicola Naturalists  
Susan Newton – Nicola Naturalists  
Victor Newton – Nicola Naturalists  
Eileen Sowerby – Direct Member  
Brian Wilkes – Nature Victoria  
Liam Ragan – BC Nature  
Julia Carr – BC Nature  
Stewart Guy – BC Nature

Cynthia Crampton – Nature Vancouver  
Marie Joe – Nature Vancouver  
Liz Thorne – Arrowsmith Naturalists  
Joanne Rosenthal – Langley Field Naturalists  
Karen McDonald – Langley Field Naturalists  
Viveka Ohman – Langley Field Naturalists/Nature Vancouver/White Rock & Surrey  
Robert Puls – Langley Field Naturalists  
Bill Masse – Langley Field Naturalists  
Gareth Pugh – Langley Field Naturalists  
Gill Pugh – Langley Field Naturalists  
Shelia Puls – Langley Field Naturalists  
Nora Truman – Langley Field Naturalists  
Dawn Haight – BC Nature  
Rebecca Law – NatureKids BC  
Eva Nagy – Nature Vancouver  
Diane McKelvey – Kamloops Naturalists  
Elizabeth Bredberg – Arrowsmith Naturalists  
Harriet Rueggeberg – Nature Nanaimo  
Rick Page – Friends of Ecological Reserve  
Frank Houenden – Comox Valley Nature  
Mary Shannon – BC Nature  
Harold Sellers – North Okanagan Naturalists  
Alan Burger – Nicola Naturalists  
Mish Stone – BC Nature  
Dave Riley – Little Campbell Watershed Society  
Marg Cuthbert – Friends of Semiahmoo Bay Society  
Denise Fredriksen – Comox Valley Nature  
Cornelis Vissor – Salt Spring Trail & Nature Club  
Michelle Parry – BC Naturalist Foundation  
Stephen Partington – WildResearch  
Gail Kenner – WildResearch  
Alex Bodden – South Okanagan Naturalists  
Rich Sobel – Nature Vancouver/Burke Mtn Naturalists  
Lyse Deselliers – South Okanagan Naturalists  
Susan Garber – Nature Vancouver  
Nigel Peck – Nature Vancouver  
Mike Dedels – Kamloops Naturalists  
Karen Pedersen – Central Okanagan Naturalists  
Fran Fisher – Central Okanagan Naturalists  
Dianne Wittner – Shuswap Naturalists  
Donna Hills – Vermilion Forks Field Naturalists  
Mary Masiel – Vermilion Forks Field Naturalists  
John Henry – Vermilion Forks Field Naturalists  
Bona Baillie – Nature Chilliwack  
Ashley Pashyn – Nature Chilliwack



Helen Turner – Nature Chilliwack  
Janne Perrin – Nature Chilliwack  
Nancy Flood – Kamloops Naturalists

**On ZOOM**

Natasha Chand – BC Nature  
Ben Van Drimmelen – Nature Victoria  
Sue Thorne – Kitimat Valley Naturalists  
Walter Thorne – Kitimat Valley Naturalists  
Yves Mayrand – Friends of Fairy Creek  
Eric Habisch – Langley Field Naturalists  
Margaret Bear – Nature Vancouver  
Heather Neville – Nature Salt Spring

91 in person  
8 via Zoom